

# Geba Karen language

**Geba**, also known as **Eastern Bwe**, is a Karen language of Burma.

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Geba	
<b>Native to</b>	Burma
<b>Native speakers</b>	40,000 (2010) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	<div>Sino-Tibetan <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Karen languages<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sgaw–Bghai<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bghai<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Geba</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	kvq
<b>Glottolog</b>	geba1237 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/geba1237) <sup>[2]</sup>

## Distribution

- Northern Kayin State: Thandaunggyi township (140 villages)
- Bago Region
- Mandalay Region: Pyinmana township
- Shan State: Pekon and Pinlaung townships
- Kayah State

## Dialects

- Sawkho
- Gerkho-Geba
- Thamitaik (Sawkeepho)

## Phonology

The consonant inventory of Geba is presented below. The consonants in parentheses occur rarely and confirming whether they are phonemes would require further research.<sup>[3]</sup>

		<u>Labial</u>	<u>Dental</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Post-alveolar</u>	<u>Velar</u>	<u>Glottal</u>
<u>Plosives</u>	Voiceless aspirated	p <sup>h</sup>		t <sup>h</sup>		tʃ <sup>h</sup>	k <sup>h</sup>	
	Voiceless unaspirated	p		t		(tʃ)	k	ʔ
	Voiced	b		d		dʒ	g	
<u>Implosives</u>		ɓ		ɗ				
<u>Fricatives</u>	Voiceless aspirated			s <sup>h</sup>				
	Voiceless unaspirated		θ	s		ʃ	(x)	h
	Voiced						(ɣ)	(ɦ)
<u>Nasals</u>	Voiceless	ɱ		ɳ				
	Voiced	m		n			(ŋ)	
<u>Approximants</u>	Voiceless	ɰ		ɭ				
	Voiced	w		l	j			
<u>Trills</u>				r				

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## External links

- Geba Karen basic lexicon at the Global Lexicostatistical Database (<http://starling.rinet.ru/cgi-bin/response.cgi?root=new100&morpho=0&basename=new100\stb\krn&first=0>)

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